



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, January 13, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0367)

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Call to Order. (14-0146)

President Veda E. Ward called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and welcomed Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian joined the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 9, 2013. (14-0172)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, this item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

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2. Discussion and approval to purchase promotional items in an amount not to exceed \$250.00 from the President's fund and \$250.00 from the undesignated fund, to be used to further promote the Los Angeles County Commission for Women at future events. (13-5926)

President Veda E. Ward noted several items and suggested the pens with flash lights should be one of the promotional items to be distributed at the events hosted and/or attended by the Commission.

During discussion, staff was instructed to forward the vendor catalogs to President Ward to choose the promotional items for the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was approved.

3. Rescind Item No. 5 of the August 12, 2013 Commission approval of a \$500 donation to the California Consumer Affairs Association for the Health Care Consumer Protection Summit of 2014 that will provide an opportunity for women and girls to work together on initiatives to detect, prevent, and combat current and emerging health care fraud and related issues. (13-2660)

On motion of Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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4. Discussion and approval of creating the 2014 Nominating Committee and selecting Commissioners to serve on the Committee, as requested by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser at the meeting of December 9, 2013. (13-5851)

During discussion, Emma De Jesus, Staff, noted volunteers to the Nominating Committee could not be considered for the positions of President, Vice President or Treasurer. During discussion, Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez volunteered to serve as members of the 2014 Nominating Committee.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, unanimously carried, this item was approved and the Nominating Committee was formed.

II. REPORTS

5. Report by Anita Drummond-Sepolen, Appraiser, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, on the Department of Public Works Women's Leadership Legacy Conference held November 2013. (14-0142)

Ms. Anita Drummond-Sepolen, Appraiser, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, provided a written report and overview of the Department of Public Works' Women's Leadership Legacy Conference held November 14, 2013 at the Pasadena Civic Center. She reported that the conference was well represented by professional women from local and national government academia backgrounds, as well as from the public and private sectors. She also reported that the main focus of the conference was that women should implement a revolution of change. Women in positions of with ability to implement change have a responsibility to reach back and help young women and girls break through the "Glass Ceiling". She concluded her report by stating education, civic leadership, adaptability, service, integrity, and the ability to collaborate, is essential to being successful.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian stated the possibility of making available a small number of tickets to sponsored events to members of the public and County employees to note the Commission visibility at these events.

President Veda E. Ward and Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia also commented on this item.

Dr. Genevieve Clavrue commented on this item.

President Veda E. Ward thank Ms. Drummond-Sepolen for her report and directed staff to forward information regarding the 29th Annual "Women of the Year" Awards and Scholarship Luncheon to Ms. Drummond-Sepolen.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

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6. President's Report for January 2014. (14-0148)

President Veda E. Ward reported that on Saturday, January 18, 2014, she will be a guest presenter at the Association of California Commissions for Women's Winter Retreat, to be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. She also reported that she has read information regarding big and little data pertaining to the viability of Commissions for Women.

Commissioner Lesser stated that the ACCW has implemented an assessment tool, which will help in improving the lives of women.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Treasurer's Report as of November 2013. (Continued from the meeting of December 9, 2013) (13-5349)

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser provided an overview of the Treasurer's report, and noted that donation to Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs would not be funded because the requisite guidelines were not met by Consumer Affairs. She also reported that the Commission for Women's 2013 Women of the Year Awards Luncheon realized a profit of approximately \$9,000.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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8. Report by Chair Becky A. Shevlin on the 2014 "Women of the Year" Awards and Scholarship Luncheon. (14-0149)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported that the Luncheon Committee held a teleconference meeting on January 8, 2014. She announced the following 2014 Supervisorial District and Community At-Large "Women of the Year" honorees:

Supervisorial Districts

**First District
Alma Martinez**

Second District

Will submit honorees names by end of week.

Third District

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D. and Rosi Dagit

Fourth District

Mariko Kahn

Fifth District

Joan Schmidt and Judy A. Cooperberg

Community At-Large

Business/Labor - Kathryn Suto

Health - Robina Smith

Law and Public Safety - Pamela Booth

Education - Brenda Lyle Dyson Robinson

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin would like the Commission to explore collaborating with the Department of Public Works-Office of Women's Health to discuss effective ways to market the Commission and make their events successful, and increase support from Department of Public Works and other County Departments.

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser suggested the Luncheon Committee look at the program timeline to assure timing for the event.

Staff was instructed to provide the Committee with a draft script for review once available.

Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt commented on this item.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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9. Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-0150)

As part of her staff report, Emma De Jesus, Staff Commission Services introduced Theresa Argonza of CEO Graphics Department. Ms. Argonza provided the Commission with a color pallet guide of which they chose the color that will be printed for the invitations and color scheme for the Souvenir Program and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Ms. De Jesus also reported that the Sybil Brand Conference room is scheduled for renovation. The renovation date has not been determined. She will notify the Commission if the renovation will require the Commission meeting be at a different location in February.

Ms. De Jesus noted Scholarship recipients have started submitting request for scholarship disbursements.

She added online Event registration will begin Wednesday, January 15, 2014 and event notifications have been mailed and posted on the County website. She also updated the Commissioners on the current process for mileage submittal and rate change for mileage.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioners Charlotte Lesser, Alice Petrossian, Dora de la Rosa and Alice Petrossian commented on this item.

III. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

- 10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0143)**

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0144)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, Obamacare Health Care, the Blue Ribbon Commission. She also shared several articles with the Commission.

During Public Comment, Commissioners made the following announcements:

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced that she attended the December 2013 Southern California Association of Government's Fourth Annual "Southern California Economic Recovery Job Creation Summit". She is a member of the League of California Cities Women Caucus, and noted that there are several elected positions will be filled by the Caucus.

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez announced that the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination State Act will be implemented in March 2014.

Commissioner Dora de la Rosa announced that she is involved with local Chamber of Commerce and also serve in its Board of Directors.

President Veda E. Ward announced that it's very difficult for students to find entry level management positions post graduation and suggested Commissioner Dora de la Rosa would be a great advocate/speaker at college campuses in addressing these issues.

Commissioner Ana Maria Garcia announced that she belongs to a Statewide Taskforce on Diversity, in particularly Council on Access and Fairness. She announced the Taskforce is working on a pipeline initiative for careers in law.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian announced that the State Bar is sponsoring Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye's Civic Learning Taskforce. On February 7, 2014, at the Los Angeles Office of Education from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Taskforce will take input from the public on Civic Education in schools. On Saturday, January 18, 2014 She will be a guest speaker at the "Women and the Importance of Networking beyond your Professional Group" in San Jose, CA.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Adjournment

- 12.** Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, January 13, 2013. (14-0145)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.